JUN MOCHIZUKI

The Case Study of Vanitas

I AM CALLOW.

FOR EXAMPLE ...

THERE'S FAR TOO MUCH THAT I DON'T KNOW.

VANITAS.

I HAVE A QUESTION.

OUT WITH IT.

...WHAT?

.....!

IT'S—

—ONE HOUR PRIOR

WHAT ON EARTH...

...IS LOVE?

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THE CASE STUDY OF VANITAS

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...TATIN!

IT'S TARTE...

DEAR TEACHER—

PURU (SHIVER)

I HOPE THIS FINDS YOU IN GOOD HEALTH.

YES! I NEVER DREAMED HE'D BE THIS HAPPY ABOUT IT.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH, DOMINIQUE!

YOU SEE? JUST AS I SAID.

PAAAAA (BEAM)

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...

IN ORDER TO OBTAIN MORE INFORMATION ON CURSE-BEARERS AND CHARLATAN ...

...I REQUESTED AN INTERVIEW WITH LORD RUTHVEN AFTER THE UPROAR AT THE BAL MASQUÉ. HOWEVER...

YOU MAY MANAGE TO GET SOME INFORMATION ABOUT THAT CHARLATAN YOU WERE DISCUSSING.

RUMOR HAS IT THAT LORD RUTHVEN'S INDEPENDENTLY RESEARCHING CURSE-BEARERS.

AT THE MOMENT ...

...I AM VISITING A CAFÉ IN ALTUS PARIS WITH LUCA.

IF YOU DON'T MIND... WOULD YOU COME INTO TOWN WITH US?

...

UM!

NOE?

THAT SAID ...

UNCLE'S ALREADY GONE OUT FOR THE DAY.

GAAAN (SHOCK)

SFX: MOGU (CHEW) MOGU

I'M TOLD ANOTHER VAMPIRE WHO LIKED THIS TARTE BROUGHT THE RECIPE IN FROM THE OTHER WORLD.

IT'S GOOD, ISN'T IT!?

TO THINK THE DAY WOULD COME WHEN I'D GET TO EAT IT IN ALTUS PARIS...!

...THAT VAMPIRE WOULDN'T BE GRANDFATHER HIMSELF, WOULD IT?

MY TEACHER OFTEN BOUGHT TARTE TATIN IN THE HUMAN WORLD AND BROUGHT IT BACK AS A PRESENT.

...NOÉ.

REALLY, THANK YOU FOR WHAT YOU DID LAST NIGHT.

KACHA CLINK

I DON'T KNOW WHETHER THIS IS ENOUGH TO COUNT AS THANKS, BUT...

YOU SAVED MY LIFE ...

...AND THE LIVES OF MANY OTHER VAMPIRES WHO WERE THERE.

I DIDN'T DO...

... ANYTHING ...

NO!

LET ME THANK YOU AS WELL...

...NOÉ.

SWEET...

YOU PROTECTED MASTER LUCA IN MY ABSENCE.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

ドキ (BADUM)

SFX: FUJI (TWITCH)

I WASN'T THE ONE WHO PUT AN END TO THE CONFUSION. THAT WAS VANITAS'S POWER!

YOU HAVE IT WRONG!

NO ...

NO, NO.

SFX: GIRON (GLARE)

SFX: NII (SMIRK)

...OF COURSE ...

...I'M AWARE OF THAT.

THE FACT THAT NO CURSE-BEARERS WERE BEHEADED WAS MOST CERTAINLY THANKS TO HIM.

...I WANT YOU TO APOLOGIZE FOR THE OTHER DAY!

HOWEVER, VANITAS! BEFORE I EXPRESS MY THANKS...

OH, YOU MEAN THE KISS?

SARA (BLUNT)

KI—

APOLOGIZE? FOR WHAT?

YOU FORCED YOURSELF ON JEANNE!!

THE FIRST TIME WE MET! YOU, UM... JEANNE...

...!

...THAT'S RIGHT! APOLOGIZE FOR THAT FIRST, IF YOU WOULD! PROPERLY!

PUSH CHUU

!

NO! NOT LIKE THAT!!

SORRY.

JEANNE!

OF COURSE!

I SEE. IN THAT CASE, I DON'T NEED TO APOLOGIZE.

J—

JEANNE? OR YOU?

AND ANYWAY, WHO AM I MAKING THIS APOLOGY TO?

THAT WASN'T NEARLY! SINCERE! ENOUGH!!

YOU'RE RATHER A LOT OF TROUBLE, AREN'T YOU?

SAVE THE SLEEP-TALKING FOR WHEN YOU'RE ASLEEP.

JEANNE AND I ARE IN LOVE WITH EACH OTHER.

I'M NOT TALKING IN MY SLEEP.

KEH NEH HEH

TAKE A GOOD LOOK.

HERE.

SHUSUU (SCUD)

A MARK OF POSSESSION ...!!

JEANNE AND I ARE ALREADY...

TH—

...IN *THIS SORT OF* RELATIONSHIP.

!?

I WOULDN'T BE SURPRISED IF YOUR OWN MEMORIES OF IT WERE PATCHY.

WELL, YOU WERE QUITE ROUGH THAT NIGHT!

MM-HM

COME NOW, YOU MUST KNOW YOUR OWN MARK.

THAT'S A LIE!! I DIDN'T INTEND TO LEAVE ANYTHING LIKE THAT!!

PUFF (POUT)

GATA (CLATTER)

HAH

YOU WERE SO... GREEDY, SO ENTHUSIASTIC...

—!

SO MUCH SO THAT YOU UNCONSCIOUSLY MARKED ME?

WAS MY BLOOD THAT DELICIOUS?

KEH HEH

KEH HEH HEH

THAT'S THE TYPE OF FELLOW YOU LIKE!?

HUH? HOW DID WE GET FROM THAT TOPIC TO THIS?

JEANNE... YOU REALLY DRANK HIS BLOOD!?

MASTER LUCA!

WAAAAAH!

TH...

IT'S AS IF YOU'RE CLAIMING HIM AS YOUR OWN!

BUT THAT'S HOW IT IS, ISN'T IT!? GOING OUT OF YOUR WAY TO MARK HIM, SOMEONE WHO'S KIN TO THE VAMPIRE OF THE BLUE MOON...

THAT'S ...

WHAT...?

?!

HA!
HA!
HA!

SORRY, SORRY! I SEE I TOOK THE JOKE TOO FAR.

HA!
HA!

!?

...BUT NOT BECAUSE SHE WISHED TO.

LUCA.

JEANNE DID INDEED LEAVE THIS MARK...

YOU MUST HAVE HEARD THEM YOURSELVES.

THE CURSE-BEARERS' VOICES.

!

SHE WASN'T IN HER RIGHT MIND AT THE TIME.

ARE YOU TELLING ME...YOU FORCED HER??

LISTEN TO ME. LISTEN. CALM DOWN.

...!

JEANNE? IS THAT TRUE?

JUST LIKE THE OTHER VAMPIRES, JEANNE FORGOT HERSELF FOR A MOMENT, AND SHE ATTACKED ME.

PAAA (BEAM)

...I SEE!

SO THAT'S HOW IT WAS!

I'M TERRIBLY SORRY I... FAILED TO REPORT IT.

... YES ...

MASTER LUCA

GYU (SQUEEZE)

WHAT'S THIS, LUCA? I DO BELIEVE YOU DON'T LIKE ME VERY MUCH.

YOU'D NEVER HAVE LEFT YOUR MARK ON A SELFISH, EXTREMELY INSOLENT MAN LIKE HIM IF YOU HADN'T BEEN TEMPORARILY INSANE!!

WHAT A RELIEF! YES, OF COURSE THAT WAS IT!

I'M SO GLAD YOU'RE ALL RIGHT...

...JEANNE.

GUSU

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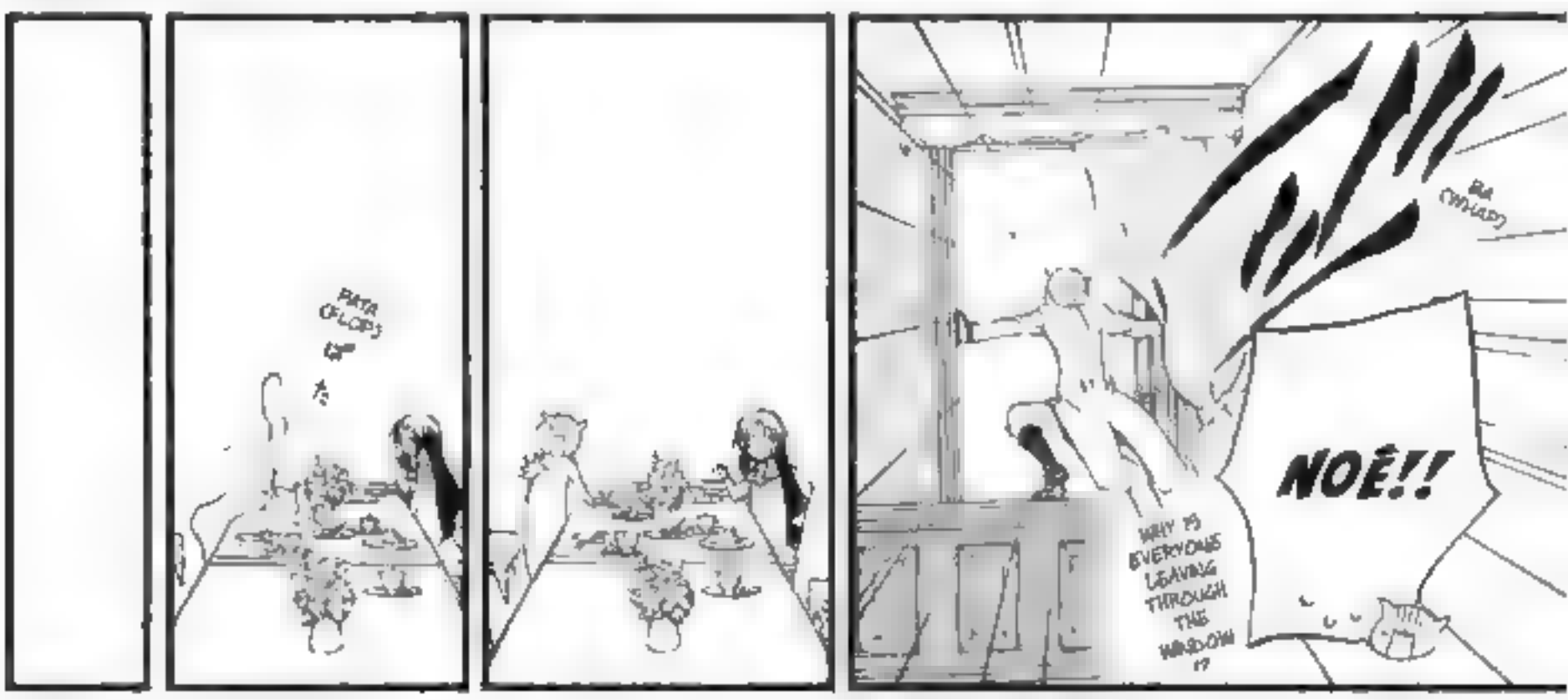

...
DID YOU LIE LIKE THAT?

WHY ...

FROM THE LOOKS OF IT, YOU DIDN'T SEEM TO WANT LUCA TO KNOW THAT YOU'D BEEN ASSAILED BY THE IMPULSE TO DRINK BLOOD...

...SO I THREW HIM OFF THE SCENT.

...!

WOULD YOU RATHER I TOLD THEM THE TRUTH?

YOU DON'T INTEND TO TALK ABOUT IT, HM?

.....

ARE YOU A CURSE-BEARER?

...JEANNE, I ASKED YOU ONCE BEFORE.

HOWEVER, THAT DAY...THE MEDICINE'S EFFECTS WORE OFF QUICKLY, AND...

AS LONG AS I TAKE MEDICINE, I CAN CONTROL THE IMPULSE.

THAT DOESN'T HAPPEN TO ME ALL THE TIME.

THAT'S VERY INTERESTING.

HM. MEDICINE LIKE THAT EXISTS?

. NO. WHAT I MEAN TO SAY IS—

HUMAN.

NEVER SPEAK OF THIS TO ANYONE.

PLEASE.

PLEASE DON'T SPEAK OF IT!

HEH

HAVE NO FEAR, JEANNE.

SPILLING THE SECRETS OF THE WOMAN I LOVE ISN'T MY STYLE.

.....!

HA HA HA HA HA!

WASHA (RUFFLE)

WASHA

WASHA

!?

I DO HAVE TWO CONDITIONS, HOWEVER.

...YOU MUST NOT DRINK BLOOD HENCEFORTH FROM ANYONE BUT ME.

COND! ...

...TIONS?

THAT'S RIGHT. I WON'T MENTION YOUR SECRET TO ANYONE.

IN RETURN ...

WHEN YOU DRANK MY BLOOD...

...IT FELT DIVINE!

WHAT ...!?

WHY DO YOU NEED TO SET A CONDITION LIKE *THAT!?*

OH, THE REASON'S QUITE SIMPLE.

...!!
!?!
??!

HAVING MY BLOOD SUCKED HAS NEVER AFFECTED ME SO POWERFULLY BEFORE!

IT WAS REALLY INCREDIBLE!

YOU DON'T NEED TO EXPLAIN ALL THE DETAILS!!

IN THE FIRST PLACE, VAMPIRES INJECT THEIR QUARRY WITH THAT SUBSTANCE IN ORDER TO KEEP THEM STILL WHILE THEIR BLOOD IS TAKEN. AND, DEPENDING ON THE VAMPIRE, THE QUARRY MAY FEEL DROWSINESS OR NUMBNESS INSTEAD OF PLEASURE, SO THERE ARE STILL MANY MYSTERIES

HOWEVER, IT'S POSSIBLE THAT THAT SUBSTANCE ACTS DIFFERENTLY DEPENDING ON THE VAMPIRE'S OWN POWERS AND THEIR AFFINITY WITH THE QUARRY!

THEY SAY THAT HAVING ONE'S BLOOD IS DRUNK IS PLEASURABLE BECAUSE THE VAMPIRE'S FANGS INJECT A SUBSTANCE THAT'S SIMILAR TO AN APHRODISIAC.

PERA

WHY, YOU... YOU'VE INTENTIONALLY BEEN PHRASING THINGS SO THEY'LL BE MISINTERPRETED, HAVEN'T YOU!?

GO (T-THUD)

GO (S-SHUDDER)

AT ANY RATE, IT MEANS WE HAVE EXCELLENT PHYSICAL CHEMISTRY!

IOKU (SHUDDER)

IOKU

IOKU

IOKU

.....

FUUU

IF YOU WANT BLOOD, JUST TELL ME. ANYTIME.

I'LL GIVE YOU ALL YOU WANT.

KURA (DIZZY)

AAAAH... WONDERFUL!

I KNEW IT! BEING WITH YOU REALLY DOES THRILL ME!

!?

GUI (TUG)

...BLOOD

...OF THIS MAN'S...

...THE SWEET TASTE...

DOKUN

DOKUN

...!

YOU MUSTN'T... DON'T REMEMBER ...

OH. THAT'S RIGHT.

WHAT'S... THE OTHER ONE?

.. THERE WERE TWO CONDITIONS.

HM?

YOU SAID ...

...I WANT YOU TO CALL ME BY MY NAME, NOT "HUMAN."

FROM NOW ON...

...VAN!
...

...
TAS
...

WHAT ARE YOU DOING? THOSE TWO CAME BACK AGES AGO.

NOÉ.

I HAD A FEELING THAT MIGHT BE IT.

...I FORGOT HOW TO GET BACK, SO I WAS LOOKING FOR THE CAFÉ FROM UP HERE.

I WAS THINKING, AND...

DOMI... I...

SUPER (NUZZLE)

YOU LOOK LIKE YOU'RE ABOUT TO CRY.

WHAT'S THE MATTER, *MON CHERI*?

...MY HEART HAS BEEN HURTING.

... EVER SINCE THEN ...

AFTER I HEARD THAT JEANNE HAD DRUNK VANITAS'S BLOOD...

I WAS THINKING ...

... ABOUT WHY THAT WAS.

...CHAGRINED THAT JEANNE BEAT ME TO IT!

AND I'VE FIGURED IT OUT.

I MUST ...

...HAVE BEEN...

I'D BEEN THINKING FOR A WHILE NOW THAT HIS BLOOD SMELLED VERY GOOD INDEED.

...O-KAY ??

IF THIS IS HOW IT'S GOING TO BE, I SHOULD HAVE HAD HIM LET ME TRY SOME EARLIER!

AH SH-

I MEAN, HIS BLOOD IS SO GOOD THAT JEANNE WANTED TO MARK HIM AND KEEP IT ALL FOR HERSELF!

IT MUST TASTE ABSOLUTELY FANTASTIC, DON'T YOU THINK!?

GAJI

DON'T— NOT MY EAR! THAT TICKLES ...!

QUIET. A MAN LIKE YOU SHOULD JUST STAND THERE AND LET ME CHEW ON YOU

GAJI (CHAW)

DOM! ??

HA!

HA!

HA!

HYA!

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YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW HOW I FEEL...

GAJI

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...REALLY IS GOOD, DOMI.

...YES.

YOUR BLOOD ...

...
YOU'RE AN UTTER FOOL.

WHY?

?

NOÉ ...

.....

THINGS GOT LIVELY AS SOON AS THE SUN WENT DOWN.

JEA

JEANNE! LET'S GO DANCE!

HUH?

WHAT ...!?

YOU MUST KNOW ABOUT ME. IF ANYONE SEES YOU DANCING WITH A BOURREAU...

...IT WILL DAMAGE YOUR REPUTATION!

I CAN BULLY HIM AT LEAST THIS MUCH, CAN'T I?

FU FU FUU

U-UM, LADY DOMINIQUE ...

HM?

...OH DEAR. SHE'S A GOOD GIRL.

AWW

EXCUSE ME?

"ACTS OF PLEASURE ARE THE PASSION TO WHICH ALL OTHERS ARE SUBORDINATE."

I'M QUOTING MY FATHER.

I POSSESS NO PASSIONS THAT DESERVE PRIORITY OVER ADMIRING A BEAUTIFUL FLOWER THAT BLOOMS BEFORE ME.

I'M NOT ALL THAT GOOD AT DANCING.

...DON'T YOU WANT TO DANCE WITH JEANNE?

I'D FEEL BAD FOR JEANNE IF I ACCIDENTALLY TROD ON HER FOOT.

...SHALL I...

...TEACH YOU?

.....
.....
...IN THAT CASE...

HM.

.....

I SUPPOSE... I'LL TAKE YOU UP ON THAT.

.....

I WANT TO HURRY AND GROW UP...

MASTER LUCKY

IT'S ALL RIGHT

LUCKY ...

I DIDN'T SAY I COULDN'T DANCE.

...HUH?

YOU CAN DANCE JUST FINE ALREADY.

BFFT.

WHAT ON EARTH IS LOVE?

VANITAS.

...WHAT? OUT WITH IT.

I HAVE A QUESTION.

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(STARE)

DAH

HA

YOU ...!

THAT'S WHY YOU ASKED ME TO DANCE!?

I THOUGHT YOU HAD A QUESTION THAT WAS INCREDIBLY DIFFICULT TO ASK, AND YOU —!!

THAT'S IT!?

HUH?

GUH! (SWISH)

BUT WHEN I LOOK AT JEANNE, MY HEART BEATS FASTER, AND I CAN'T STOP TREMBLING.

...I DON'T KNOW EITHER.

I DECIDED THAT, IN MY CASE, THAT IMPULSE IS "LOVE."

...BECAUSE IT'S MORE INTERESTING THAT WAY.

.....

YOUR HEART RACES, AND YOU SHAKE...

IT SOUNDS LIKE CATCHING A COLD.

YES. IT'S LIKE CATCHING A COLD.

VANITAS ...

...WHAT DO YOU LIKE ABOUT JEANNE?

...HM, LET'S SEE...

AND ALSO ...

HER BIG BOSOM.

HER CLUMSINESS.

HER BEAUTY.

THAT SHE'S TOUGH.

THE WAY SHE'S FUN TO TEASE.

HER FRAGILITY.

...THE WAY SHE'S ALMOST CERTAIN NEVER TO LOVE ME.

I MAY LOVE JEANNE...

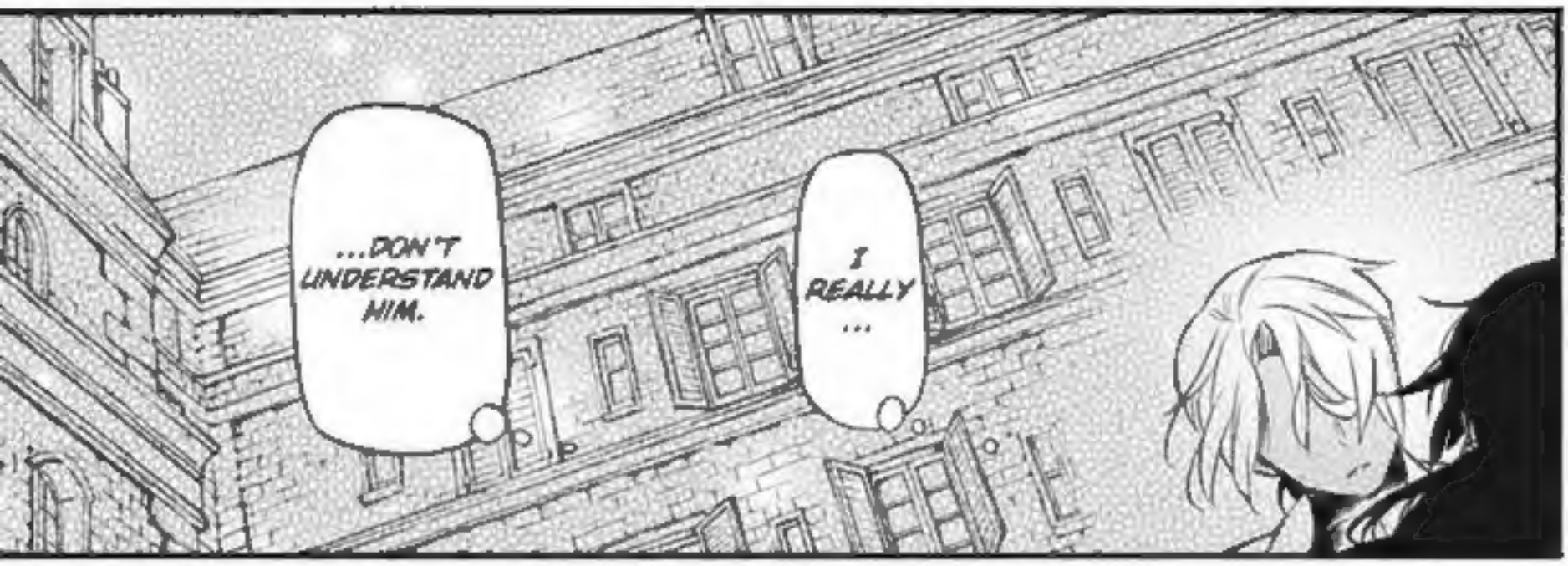
...BUT SHE DOESN'T HAVE TO LOVE ME BACK.

WHAT DO YOU MEAN? AREN'T YOU SUPPOSED TO WANT THE PERSON YOU LOVE TO FEEL THE SAME WAY ABOUT YOU?

I WANT NOTHING OF THE SORT.

I HAVE...

...ABSOLUTELY NO INTEREST IN THE SORT OF PERSON WHO WOULD FALL FOR ME.


...DON'T UNDERSTAND HIM.
I REALLY ...

I WOULD NOT TRULY UNDER-STAND...

...THE MEANING OF THE STIRRING I FELT IN MY HEART...

...UNTIL QUITE SOME TIME LATER.

D'OW !!!?

GYUMU (THUMP)

OH. SORRY.

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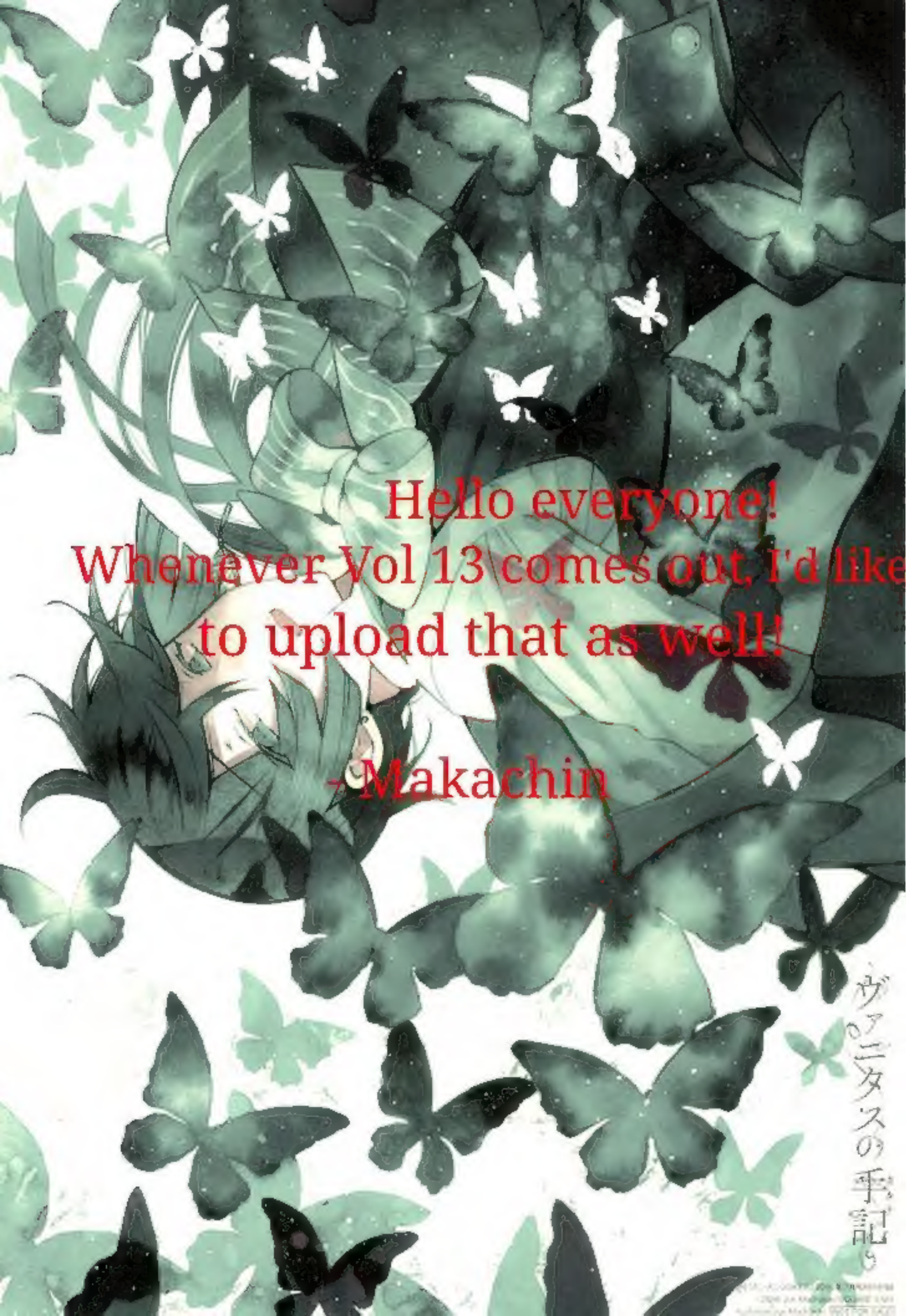
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Whenever Vol 13 comes out, I'd like
to upload that as well!
-Makachin
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